

Merchants' National Bank (Poweshiek County
National Bank)
NW corner of Fourth Ave. and Broad St.
Grinnell
Poweshiek County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-77

HABS,
IOWA,
79-GRIN
1-

PHOTOGRAPHS

HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

| | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| STATE IOWA | COUNTY POWESHIEK | TOWN OR VICINITY GRINNELL |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK | | HABS NO. IA-77 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Poweshiek County National Bank | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) N.W. corner of Fourth Ave. and Broad St. | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Built 1914 | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Louis Sullivan, architect. | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the three best preserved of the small midwestern banks built by Sullivan. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wire-cut shale brick of varying shades of red with tan terra cotta ornament | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) This one-story structure measures 41' x 76' with a flat roof. | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Exterior features include a red terra cotta cornice with projecting finials, a large ten-section (15' x 40') window on the east side, and a circular window with exuberant terra cotta surround above the main entrance on the south elevation. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Composed of a large room, the interior contains colorful interior stained glass windows and skylight, gilt terra cotta ornament, and original hanging light fixtures. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, used as a bank | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Shank, Wesley I., <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Building Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979; | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Kent R. Newell. Historic American Buildings Survey | | DATE 8/4/80 |

Addendum
Merchants' National Bank
Corner of Fourth Ave. and Broad St.
Grinell
Poweshiek County
Iowa

HABS No. IA-77

*HABS
IOWA
79-GRIN,
1-*

REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127